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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 1296

FOR AMB. LEONARD FROM AMB. RICHARDSON

E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS

SUBJECT: LOS: STATUS OF PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE; G-5 DISCUSSION

REF: (A) STATE 22162; (B) USUN 244

1. FYI: G-5 NOW MEETING IN MOSCOW ARE OF UNANIMOUS VIEW THAT DEPARTURE OF AMERASINGHE WOULD BE A SEVERE BLOW TO THE CONFERENCE AND THAT IT IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT HE CONTINUE AS CONFERENCE PRESIDENT ON CONDITION THAT GSL HAS NO OBJECTION TO HIS DOING SO IN AN INDEPENDENT CAPACITY. ALTHOUGH SOVIETS AND FRENCH PREFER THAT AMERASINGHE BE AT LEAST NOMINALLY ATTACHED TO SL DELEGATION THEY DO NOT INSIST ON THIS. ALL G-5 AGREED IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT NO-OBJECTION POSITION WHICH GSL HAS TAKEN IN LETTER TO WALDHEIM BE STATED CLEARLY. UK AND FRANCE SUGGESTED AS WELL THAT LETTER BE MADE PUBLIC FOR BENEFIT OF ALL DELEGATIONS, AND UK PROPOSED THAT DELEGATIONS WITH STRONG FEELINGS RE PRESIDENT, E.G., CHILE, MAKE STATEMENTS IN PLENARY TO EFFECT THAT AMERASINGHE SITUATION IS EXCEPTIONAL AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED A PRECEDENT. END FYI.

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2. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONVEYING TO ZULETA AS SOON AS YOU CAN APPROPRIATELY SPEAK TO HIM, THAT THE US HAS CONSULTED A NUMBER OF LEADING INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE SOVIET UNION, ABOUT AMERASINGHE'S STATUS. WE AND THESE COUNTRIES ARE SATISFIED THAT SRI LANKA'S POSITION OF NO-OBJECTION TO AMERASINGHE'S CONTINUING IN AN INDE-

PENDENT CAPACITY SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO MEET THE CONCERNS
OF THE LATIN GROUPS AND OTHERS. I HOPE ZULETA WILL PUSH
THIS LINE WITH THOSE WHO INSIST THAT AMERASINGHE BE CARRIED
ON THE ROLLS OF THE SRI LANKA DELEGATION. I HOPE ZULETA
WILL GIVE SOME THOUGHT TO QUESTION OF BUPLICIZING
NON OBJECTION TO AMERASHINGHE'S CONTINUING, INCULDING QUESTION
OF WHETHER GSL WOULD AGREE.

3. I WILL BE IN NEW YORK AFTERNOON OF JAN. 30 AND HAVE
APPOINTMENT WITH AMERASINGHE AD 4:00 P.M. PLEASE TELL
ZULETA I WOULD LIKE TO SEE HIM THAT DAY OR EARLY JAN. 31.
TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH HIM. I PLAN TO RETURN TO
WASHINGTON ON 11:00 A.M. SHUTTLE.

R. FOR DEPARTMENT: PLEASE REPEAT STATE 22162 TO
COLOMBO.

5. FOR COLOMBO: WOULD WELCOME ANY COMMENTS YOU MAY
HAVE RE PARA 2 ABOVE.
MATLOCK

NOTE BY OC/T: STATE 22162 NOT REPEATED COLOMBO.

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